Friday 14th February 2025

Cherrywood News

Message from Mrs Lewis

Welcome to the last newsletter of the half term. As well as sharing our usual information we have included some ideas for activities you might like to try during the half term holidays.

I hope that you have a restful break and the weather stays dry so that you can enjoy time outside with friends and family.

We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 24th February.

Best Wishes

Mrs Lewis

School Council—Question of the week

This week we asked if you knew what your child has been learning about this half term. 80% of those asked said, yes they did. We want to ensure that everyone has this knowledge and asked how you would like this to be shared. At present we mainly use our website to provide this information, but the preferred response you gave was through the newsletter. Look out next half term and we will provide an overview for each class.



Attendance

With the smallest of leads Oak Class had the best attendance congratulations!

Data for 3rd February to the 7th February	
Ash	83.57%
Chestnut	91.79%
Elm	93.79%
Larch	90%
Oak	96.4%
Pine	95.9%
Sycamore	96.3%

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **HALF TERM—MONDAY 17TH—FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY**
- Monday 24th February—back to school after half term
- 25th February—Year 6 (Sycamore) computing workshop parents / carers welcome at 2.45pm
- 26th February—Year 4 (Oak) class assembly parents / carers welcome at 2.45pm
- 27th February—Hampton Court Palace Trip—Year 4 (Oak) and Year 5 (Pine)
- 4th March—Year 4 (Oak) girls trip to Edgeborough School for Forensics Day
- 5th March—Reception (Ash) vision check with the school nursing team
- 6th March—World Book Day—pupils can dress up as a book character
- 6th March—Parents / carers invited to come in and read with their child—2.45pm
- 11th March—Year 1 (Chestnut Class) Easter Experience at Church of the Good Shepherd
- 12th March—Year 5 (Pine Class) Easter Experience at Church of the Good Shepherd
- 13th March—Year 5 (Pine Class) computing workshop parents / carers welcome at 2.45pm
- 14th March—Year 1 (Chestnut Class) Toys through time workshop
- 14th March—Year 3 (Larch Class) Mini Museum workshop
- 17th March—Year 2 (Elm Class) Easter Experience at Church of the Good Shepherd
- 19TH MARCH PARENTS EVENING IN THE HALL
- 20TH MARCH PARENTS EVENING IN THE HALL
- 21st March—Year 5 (Pine Class) Climate Trackers Workshop in Hall
- 24th March—Year 2 (Elm Class) Exhibition parents / carers welcome at 9.15am
- **CHANGE OF DATE — 25th March Year 1 (Chestnut Class) Assembly parents / carers welcome at 2.45pm**
- 25th March —Reception (Ash Class) Easter Experience at Church of the Good Shepherd
- 31st March—Online Safety Afternoon parents / carers welcome at 2.45pm
- 3rd April—Year 6 (Sycamore Class) trip to Aldershot Military Museum

Easter Holidays Monday 7th—Monday 21st April

Celebrations —

We are pleased to announce this week's -

	Value Ambassadors	Stars of the Week
Ash Class	Callum	Rajab
Chestnut Class	Alina	Alice
Elm Class	Shun	Georgiana
Larch Class	Lily-Jane	Gracie
Oak Class	Krishna	Layla-Rose
Pine Class	Freddie	Liam
Sycamore Class	Aria	Mailee

Play Leader Awards — **Key Stage 1**

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Our Value Ambassadors—recognised for showing great resilience





Stars of the Week — recognised for their efforts this week

Play Leader Awards for children demonstrating the school values in their play



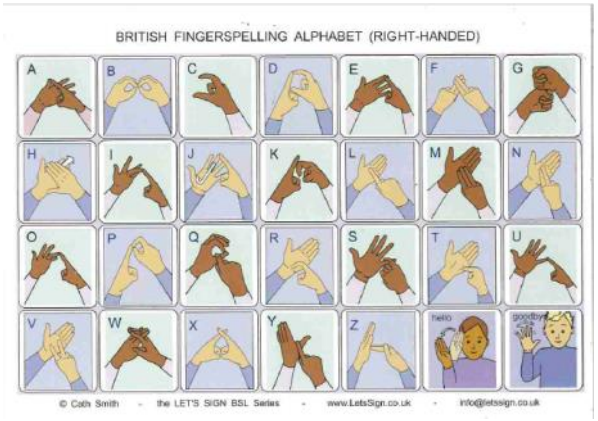
A HUGE THANK YOU!

We were contacted earlier this term by Danielle, who is a Wish Granting Champion at Chloe's and Sophie's Special Ears Fund, a Deaf children's charity that is passionate about brightening the lives of Deaf children. CSSEF have been going for over 10 years in Surrey, Berkshire, London and Hampshire and more recently in Flintshire and Wrexham, North Wales.

CSSEF is passionate about British Sign Language and breaking down communication barriers for Deaf children - imagine a Deaf child seeing the School Board and feeling included - that's the difference CSSEF want to make. Seeing other children learn Sign Language can also positively impact communication access for Deaf children. The Charity defines Deaf children as a child aged 0 to 18 years old, with a permanent deafness in one or both ears. They may use hearing aids, cochlear implant, BAHA or none. They will have either a mild, moderate, severe or profound deafness.

The Charity have received funding from Rushmoor Borough Council to place one board in every school with a Deaf child and we received our board at the end of last week. We are so grateful and can't wait to put the board up in our playground. There are also a lot more resources available to us as a school and to families. Thank you!





CSSEF

Registered Charity no. 1151263

Brightening the lives of Deaf children

Please phone or text:

Wishes & Schools *(North Wales)* **07542 031105**

Wishes & Schools *(England)* **07935 056499**

General Enquires 07935 056499

www.cssef.org.uk

Chloe's and Sophie's Special Ears Fund

Meet our new Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO)

They will be sharing activities and facts with children and parents to ensure we are all keeping safe on our journeys to and from school. Their first mission was to see how many of our children should still be in a booster seat when travelling in a car.

Answer 62% of our school!

FACT: Children must be in a booster seat till they are either 12 years old or 135cm, to keep them safe.



WOW

Cherrywood children have been creative designing a WOW badge to enter into the national UK WOW badge competition. This is in the hope of having their badge be one of next years 11 badge designs that will be turned into over 300,000 badges distributed across the UK. The theme was 'Walk with Joy'. Sadly we can only enter 3 designs from Cherrywood, here are our in house winners:-

Alex—Year 1 (Rainbows and Fairies)
Rose—Year 4 (Birds and Nature)
Moshigan—Year 6 (Painting and Doodles)









Children's Mental Health Week

This year's theme for Children's Mental Health Week was 'Know Yourself Grow Yourself'. Children took part in some activities last week around this theme. Some classes looked at what makes them happy and what makes them sad or angry, and wrote down and discussed ways they can grow and find ways to help them when they are feeling these emotions.

At the beginning last week each class planted two pots with some seeds. The pots have been kept in the classroom and we asked the children to speak kindly to one pot and unkindly to the other. They will then see if it makes a difference to how it grows.











Climate Trackers Workshop



This week the Winchester Science Centre visited Pine Class as part of their Wonderseekers project. In this session children were taught coding skills by programming secret messages and understanding how satellites communicate. The Satellite Skills workshop gave pupils the chance to learn about what satellites do, and how they monitor the health and climate of our planet. Not only that, but pupils had the chance to try these jobs themselves, as they stepped into the shoes of a satellite and developed their own scientific skills. They completed 3 activities in the workshop: animal trackers, spectroscopy spies, and weather watchers. In animal trackers pupils figured out how satellites track animals moving around the planet. In spectroscopy spies pupils copied satellites as they matched light patterns from known gases in the atmosphere to unknown ones. Finally, in weather watchers pupils matched weather events with satellite images.





All the children used their Teamwork and Curiosity skills to develop their understanding of Climate Change and really enjoyed being involved in the Workshop.







Spring Term Parents Evening

Spring Term Parents Evening will be taking place on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th March. Self-scheduling for this will open on Monday 24th February at 9am (after half term) and closes on Tuesday 11th March at 6pm. Appointments for all classes will take place in the hall, as was the case last term. An e-mail reminder will be sent out closer to the time. When self-scheduling opens please go onto the Arbor app and book this in. We have ensured that there is a longer self-schedule period to enable all parents the chance to book their appointments. If you have any queries or need help booking when the time comes please contact Mrs Abrami in the office.

Police Visit to Ash Class

We had a visit from some Police Officers!

We talked about their duties and their uniform. We also got to see their police car. They turned the sirens and the lights on which was very exciting and very loud. The children got to try on the uniform and see themselves in the cameras that the police use. The children had lots of questions and really enjoyed the experience.













Safeguarding

As the evenings start to get lighter you are more likely to consider letting your child play outside more, possibly in shared green spaces or parks. You of course then have the dilemma of making sure they are safe.

Clever Never Goes is a really useful website for giving advice on how you can support your child in being more independent but also safe.

https://clevernevergoes.org/parents-2/

Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Children and young people from low-income families in Hampshire can look forward to an exciting programme of fun activities and nutritious meals over Easter, courtesy of Hampshire County Council's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

The programme is funded by the Department for Education so that local authorities can offer healthy food and enriching activities in the school holidays to children who receive benefit-related free school meals during term time. A small number of places are also available on HAF schemes for other vulnerable families.

Bookings will be available in early March, but eligible parents / carers are encouraged to register their children for HAF to receive their booking code. Registration can be done by providing very simple information at the following weblink:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/holidayactivities/register





Church of the Good Shepherd – Food Support

Church of the Good Shepherd, Sand Hill, Farnborough, GU14 8ER

Free Food Essentials
Fridays 10am-12noon
The Church of the Good Shepherd is open once a month for anyone to collect a bag of free food essential items – No Questions Asked.

The Larder Foodbank
We deliver food parcels to families and individuals in need on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons**. To receive a food parcel, you must be referred by a professional, e.g. Your Key Worker/Social Worker, children's school, GP surgery, etc. They will need to call the Larder Phone (07501 202 546) and leave a message with your details. We can then deliver a food parcel to you.

For more information, please contact Abbie Edwards - Pioneer Community Worker Phone: 07845 175 158
community@goodshepherdchurch.org.uk

Hands-on Heritage Fun Day - Bringing History to life! Saturday 22nd February

10am-3pm, Saturday 22nd Feb, at Princes Mead Shopping Centre, Aldershot – FREE EVENT!

Come along to our fantastic family friendly event full of interactive activities, arts and crafts, historical dress-up and amazing artefacts.

You can chat with our wonderful local historians, maybe take a selfie with our special guest - Jackie Smith – the first female red devil!

It's going to be a fun-filled day celebrating the people, places and heritage of Rushmoor over the last 50 years – celebrating the past, inspiring the future!

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Princes Mead Shopping Centre Farnborough – February half-term

Our garden is back in the South West Tower, complete with Loveseat for Valentine's selfies and a play area for the little ones. There will be free face painting on Saturday 15th February from 11am – 4pm.

Army Welfare Service Spring programme

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Programme Church Crookham	Ages	Cost	Location	Timings	Day
Youth Voice Ambassadors Project – peer led social activism with accreditation	11+	Free	Online fortnightly Aldershot and Church Crookham	6pm to 8pm	Mondays Term Time Only Returns 13.01.25
Juniors Youth Club Play, and self-directed learning in safe space	8- 11 years	£1	Quetta Park Preschool Building, Church Crookham, GU52 8TJ	4pm to 5.30pm	Thursdays Term Time Only Returns 25.01.25
Savi Seniors Youth Club IRL	11+	£ 1	Quetta Park Preschool Building, Church Crookham, GU52 8TJ	5.30pm to 7.30pm	Thursdays Term Time Only Returns 25.01.25

Contact Samena Mehmood Army Welfare Service Community Support Team,
Community Development Worker
Mob: 07773 242 291
Email: rc-aws-se-aldershot-csmailbox@mod.gov.uk

Army Welfare Service Half-term Family trip to London, Wednesday 19th February

Pick-ups in Aldershot and Sandhurst
£2 per person, pay on the day
Booking essential: sarah.magee651@mod.gov.uk Tel: 07900 492512

Aldershot Library

Green and Thrifty Fortnight activities
Saturday 15th February 10.00-11.00am - Bird Feeder Activity. Ages 4-11 years
Tuesday 18th February – Green Themed Rhymetimes at the usual times
Tuesday 18th February – 2.00-3.00pm Seed Planting Activity. Ages 4-11 years
Wednesday 19th February – 11.00-11.30am Green Themed Storytime. Ages 4-7 years.

Aldershot Pools – Holiday opening

Guildford Road, Aldershot, GU12 4BP

For Aldershot Pools please refer to our website for the school holiday period.

https://www.placesleisure.org/centres/aldershot-pools-fitness-centre/

FEBRUARY 2025

HALF TERM

westendcentre

IN COLLABORATION WITH

PAG FAMILY FESTIVAL

Parent Action Group for Special Kids P.A.G.

Mon 17 Feb **£5**
10:30AM-2.30PM



MINI ARTISTS: VAN GOGH



Tue 18 Feb **£14**
10:30AM-12:30 PM

FAMILY POTTERY 3+



Tue 18 Feb **£13**
10:30AM-12:00PM

CHILDREN'S POTTERY 8+



Tue 18 Feb **£14**
1:00-3:00PM

MAKE IT, PLAY IT!



Tue 18 Feb **£14**
10:30AM-12:30PM

CRAFT TABLE

TWO DROP-IN SESSIONS



Tue 18 Feb **£3 PER SESSION**
1:00-1:45PM and 2:00-2:45PM

westendcentre.co.uk

48 Queens Road, Aldershot, GU11 3JD

balance glide & ride

Free Cycling After School Club

For Families and Children

Yes, parents too!

Learn to Ride Sessions / Skills Sessions / Led Rides

Starting
Wednesdays
23rd April to 16th July 2025
3:30-4:30pm
At Grange Infants

We can offer some coaching if you would like to learn to ride or gain more confidence, and we can also offer a led ride in the local area, using the local cycle routes.

No Cost but please book on

Please come with a helmet and bike (without stabilisers)
Or ask beforehand to borrow one

Please **email** balanceandride@gmail.com
to book a place, or if you require more information.